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PRIORITY: MEDIUM

SUBJECT: New Medicaid Managed Care Program for SSI and SSI-Related Recipients

EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 1, 2005

PURPOSE

This memo alerts the Milwaukee County Economic Support Unit of a new Medicaid managed care program for SSI and SSI-related Medicaid recipients.

BACKGROUND

The 2003-05 Biennial Budget included a provision authorizing the state to require certain SSI and SSI-related recipients who are receiving Medicaid (MA) to enroll in a managed care program. The Department of Health and Family Services was directed to request a waiver of federal MA laws from the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to allow the requirement to be implemented. Individuals dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid may enroll voluntarily. All eligible individuals, aged 19 and older who are SSI MA and SSI-Related MA and not currently enrolled in a managed care program (Family Care, PACE, or Partnership), will be enrolled but have the choice, after an initial two month mandatory trial period, to opt out of the program. Beginning with the fifth month of enrollment, enrollees will be locked into the managed care plan for an additional eight months.

Approval has been received from DHHS and Milwaukee County is slated to have the program begin on March 1, 2005. Informational materials will be sent to potential enrollees in mid February 2005.

PROCESS

Recipients may be referred to the Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment Specialist at (800) 291-2002 for information. Economic Support workers should be aware of this program as another managed care alternative in addition to Family Care, PACE, and Partnership. Enrollment and disenrollment dates for SSI Managed Care will be processed outside of the CARES system.

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